



**PSYCHOTHERAPY BULLETIN**  
**PHYSICIAN (PSYCHIATRIST), PSYCHOLOGIST, PCNS, LCSW, LPC, FQHC, RHC**

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The MO HealthNet Division (MHD), in conjunction with The Children's Division, will implement Prior Authorization (PA) of psychological services beginning January 2, 2008 for foster children in state custody and for former foster care children through age 20 who were in foster care on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The PA process for psychological services (13 CSR 70-98.020) serves as a utilization management measure allowing payment for treatment and services (interventions) that are medically necessary, appropriate and cost-effective without compromising the quality of care to MO HealthNet participants.

The PA requirement process includes psychological services provided by a psychiatrist, psychologist or provisionally licensed psychologist, psychiatric clinical nurse specialist (PCNS), licensed clinical social worker (LCSW), provisionally licensed clinical social worker (PLCSW), licensed professional counselor (LPC), provisionally licensed professional counselor (PLPC), rural health clinic (RHC), and federally qualified health clinic (FQHC). MHD offers training sessions to providers free of charge. Please visit the [MHD Web site](#) for information regarding [training sessions](#) for providers through the Psychology/Counseling program.

Please watch the [MHD Web site](#) for more detailed information regarding the PA process and the implementation date for the above group of participants. Providers are encouraged to subscribe to [MO HealthNet News](#) to keep informed about current events concerning the MO HealthNet program.

**Provider Bulletins** are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) (Formerly the Division of Medical Services) Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletins page.

**MO HealthNet News:** Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at <http://dss.missouri.gov/mhd/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

**MC+ Managed Care:** The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MC+ Fee-for-Service
- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MC+ Managed Care

Questions regarding MC+ Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MC+ Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MC+ card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-635-8908 and using Option One.

**Provider Communications Hotline**  
**573-751-2896**